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SAHJ: FURTHER POST-MORTEM ON APRIL 1-2 EUROPEAN  
COUNCIL

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1. SUMMARY. PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FRG REMARKS BETRAY  
CONSIDERABLE DISAPPOINTMEMU OVER STATE OF EUROPE, AND  
ATTRIBUTE MEAGER LUXEMBOURG RESULT TO DOMESTIC  
SITUATION IN SEVERAL EC PARTNER STATES, PARTICULARLY  
ITALY. FRG VIEW IS THAT JULY EC SUMMIT MUST FIRM UP  
COMMITMENT TO 1978 DIRECT ELECTIONS TO EUROPEAN  
PARLIAMENT, IN ORDER RESTORE MOMENTUM TO EUROPEAN  
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INTEGRATION. END SUMMARY.

2. CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AND FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER HAVE PUBLICLY VENTED DEEP UNHAPPINESS OVER APRIL 1-2 EUROPEAN COUNCIL. GENSCHER STATED APRIL 4 THAT FRG "NOT CONTENT" WITH OUTCOME AND THAT EC MUST "URGENTLY" CLARIFY QUESTIONS OF 1978 DIRECT ELECTIONS TO EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND HARMONIZATION OF ECONOMIC POLICIES. IN SEPARATE INTERVIEW SAME DATE, CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT ATTRIBUTED LACK OF PROGRESS IN LUXEMBOURG TO FACT THAT "SEVERAL GOVERNMENTS ARE TOO DEPENDENT ON DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS." CHANCELLOR'S BUNDESTAG ADDRESS APRIL 9 (SEPTEL) STRUCK SIMILAR TONES: HE DECLARED THAT EC NOT IN GOOD SHAPE AND THAT FRG WILL MAKE FURTHER MATERIAL SACRIFICES FOR COMMUNITY ONLY IF ITS PARTNERS MAKE "DECISIVE AND PROMISING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL EFFORTS WHICH WOULD LEAD TO PROGRESS FOR EUROPE."

3. EMBOFF OBTAINED ADDITIONAL VIEWS FROM THIELE, CHANCELLORY OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR EUROPEAN INTEGRATION, WHICH SUPPLEMENT FORMINISTRY AND PRESS REACTIONS REPORTED REFS (C) AND (D). THIELE SAID FRG GREATLY CONCERNED OVER STATE OF EC AS DRAMATIZED BY MEAGER RESULT IN LUXEMBOURG. HE CLAIMED THAT FRG BELIEVES IT VITAL FOR JULY EUROPEAN COUNCIL TO FINALIZE COMMITMENT TO 1978 ELECTIONS IN ORDER TO RESTORE EC MOMENTUM AND MAINTAIN POPULAR CONFIDENCE IN FUTURE OF EUROPE. THIELE SAID FRG NOW CASTING ABOUT FOR BEST MEANS TO SECURE THAT RESULT, BUT WOULD NOT BE IN POSITION TO MAKE ANY FIRM DECISION UNTIL AFTER EASTER HOLIDAYS.

4. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, THIELE SPECULATED THAT FRG WILL LAUNCH INITIATIVE SPECIFICALLY TO SECURE UNANIMOUS EC COMMITMENT TO ELECTIONS IN 1978. HE THOUGHT FRG WOULD BE WILLING PAY PRICE FOR SUCH COMMITMENT, PERHAPS IN FORM OF GREATER AID TO WEAKER

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EC PARTNERS OR EVEN ACCEPTANCE OF LOOSER SNAKE  
ARRANGEMENT SUCH AS FRANCE HAD PROPOSED. IN THIELE'S  
VIEW, ITALY REPRESENTS CRUX OF CURRENT EC MALAISE. HE  
THOUGHT OTHER EC PARTNERS WILL EVENTUALLY GET ECONOMIES  
IN ORDER AND AGREE ON MEANS TO ENABLE 1978 ELECTIONS  
TO PROCEED; HE FEARED THAT GOI WILL REMAIN INCAPABLE  
OF TAKING DECISION TOWARD EITHER END. THIELE DEFINED  
BASIC ITALIAN PROBLEM AS LACK OF CITIZEN CONFIDENCE  
IN REGIME, ADDING THAT MAJOR FINANCIAL AID TO GOI--  
WHICH FRG WILLING TO SUPPLY IN FUTURE--HARDLY ACHIEVES  
ITS PURPOSE SO LONG AS "ROMAN APOTHECARY" CONTINUES TO  
MOVE HIS FUNDS ABROAD. HE SAID THAT FRG SEEKING WAY  
TO HELP ITALY BUT LACKS INSTITUTIONAL OR PERSONAL TIES  
THERE ANALOGOUS TO THOSE IT ENJOYS WITH FRANCE AND  
GREAT BRITAIN.

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5. COMMENT. THIELE HAD JUST COME FROM BUNDESTAG  
DEBATE ON EUROPE, AND HIS REMARKS BETRAYED SOME  
CONCERN THAT SCHMIDT GOVERNMENT, TO EXTENT IT FAILS TO  
ACHIEVE PROGRESS IN EUROPEAN INTEGRATION PRIOR TO  
OCTOBER 3 ELECTIONS, WILL FAIL TO BENEFIT FROM  
CONSIDERABLE PRO-EUROPEAN SENTIMENT AMONG GERMAN  
PUBLIC. END COMMENT.  
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